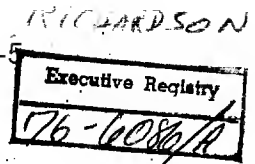


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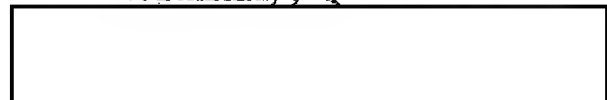
Dear Mr. Richardson:

Many thanks for your kind and thoughtful comments about the radio interview on KTOK Radio News mentioned in your letter of 7 January.

We here at the Central Intelligence Agency strongly believe that it is only with the continuing support of our fellow Americans like yourself that we are able to do the work which we must to defend and protect America now and in the future.

Faithfully,

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Vernon A. Walters
Lieutenant General, USA
Deputy Director, of Central Intelligence

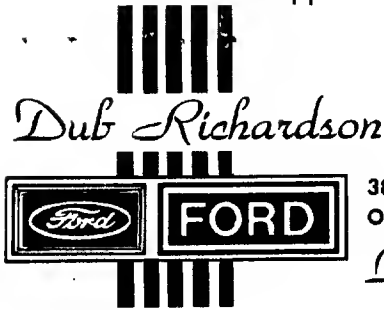
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Lt. General Vernon Walters
Deputy Director
Central Intelligence Agency
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Dear General Walters:

Last evening while enroute home I listened to a radio interview between yourself and Jack Hammock of KTOK radio news.

I thoroughly enjoyed the way you handled the situation. Mr. Hammock has a way of slanting the news or interviews in any direction he sees fit. You would not let him do that and you are to be complimented.

When you were commenting that there may be perhaps a few zealots in the CIA, as there are in any field of endeavor, I was hoping you would ask if there were any irresponsible journalist.

As a strong believer in the work of the CIA, it irritates the hell out of me that Congress is picking on you.

I read something the other day that was quite apropos. "If PRO is the opposite of CON, then PROGRESS must be the opposite of CONGRESS".

Have a very Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Jerry Richardson
Jerry Richardson

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